

**MINUTES
OF THE WORK SESSION OF THE
EDINA CITY COUNCIL
HELD AT CITY HALL
OCTOBER 5, 2010
5:05 P.M.**

ROLLCALL Answering rollcall were Members Bennett, Brindle, Swenson, and Mayor Hovland. Member Housh was absent. Staff present: Heather Worthington, Interim City Manager; John Wallin, Finance Director; Eric Roggeman, Assistant Finance Director; Ceil Smith, Assistant to the City Manager; John Keprios, Park Director; Ed MacHolda, Assistant Park Director; Todd Anderson, Braemar Golf Course Manager; Doug Bauman, Braemar Arena Manager; and Debra Mangen, City Clerk.

Mayor Hovland called the meeting to order and stated the purpose of the meeting was to review the 2011 Proposed Enterprise Operating Budget and Capital Improvement Programs for 2011-2015.

Edina Aquatics Center: Assistant Director MacHolda outlined the history and rationale for the proposed purchased of the Flow Rider. He noted where it would be located and the target market he hoped to capture with the new venue. Council discussed the importance of keeping the Aquatic Center fresh, whether or not enterprises that had positive cash flows should be subsidizing other less profitable enterprises and the timing of the purchase of the Flow Rider. Consensus was the Flow Rider would be purchased during the season of 2011.

Braemar Arena: Manager Bauman explained the West arena would be making ice by November 2, 2010, noting that was an extremely tight schedule. He stated new projects in the CIP for the Arena would be the staging of parking lot improvements in 2011, 2012 and 2013. The discussion included: the operation of the concessions, community interest in building locker rooms for boys and girls High School hockey, and the debt service remaining on the Arena.

Braemar Golf Course: Manager Anderson noted that a large item in the CIP was the potential replacement of the Golf Dome. He and Director Keprios noted the Dome kept golf alive during the winter months and was also used by Lacrosse, softball and soccer youth programs. There was a discussion of the debt the Golf Course carried, how that debt was structured, the impact of purchasing Fred Richards, the condition of the driving range, the Braemar Memorial Fund and its potential use, and the status of golfing. Finance Director Wallin said the last Braemar bond payment would be made in 2013.

Park and Recreation CIP: Director Keprios reviewed the significant CIP items. He noted the replacement of the Arneson Greenhouse, the Rosland Park Pathway, the Garden Park parking lot renovation, and noted that for the last three years 48% of the Park Department CIP has been asphalt repair. Mr. Keprios added that the Committee was forming for the Veterans Memorial and stated that if an infusion of parkland dedication fees was received, he felt that should go to Countryside Park's master plan.

Mayor Hovland adjourned the meeting at 6:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Minutes approved by Edina City Council, October 5, 2010.

Debra A. Mangen, City Clerk

James B. Hovland, Mayor